

**ELIMINATING THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR  
HUNTING SMALL GAME**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill removes the age requirement for hunting small game.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ removes the age requirement to hunt turkey and small game;
- ▶ clarifies the meaning of verbal communication for adult supervision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on August 1, 2006.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

- 23-19-17**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004
- 23-19-22.6**, as enacted by Chapters 66 and 287, Laws of Utah 2004
- 23-19-24**, as last amended by Chapter 22, Laws of Utah 2001
- 23-19-26**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004
- 23-20-20**, as last amended by Chapter 131, Laws of Utah 1988

30 REPEALS:

31 **23-19-25**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004



33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section **23-19-17** is amended to read:

35 **23-19-17. Resident fishing and hunting license -- Use of fee.**

36 (1) A resident [~~12 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee prescribed by the  
37 Wildlife Board, may receive a combination license to fish and to hunt for small game as  
38 provided in the rules of the Wildlife Board.

39 [~~(2) A person 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a license to fish and~~  
40 ~~to hunt small game if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the~~  
41 ~~license is issued.~~]

42 [~~(3)~~] (2) One dollar of the combination license fee shall be used for the hunter  
43 education program [in] for any of the following:

- 44 (a) instructor and student training;
- 45 (b) assisting local organizations with development;
- 46 (c) maintenance of existing facilities; or
- 47 (d) operation and maintenance of the hunter education program.

48 [~~(4)~~] (3) (a) Fifty cents of the combination license fee shall be used for the upland  
49 game program as follows:

- 50 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or
  - 51 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.
- 52 (b) The combination license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by  
53 Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3)(a) is in addition to any combination license fee revenue that may be used  
54 for the upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

55 Section 2. Section **23-19-22.6** is amended to read:

56 **23-19-22.6. Turkey hunting permit -- Use of fee.**

57 (1) A person [~~12 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee, may receive a permit

58 to take turkey as provided by rules of the Wildlife Board.

59 ~~[(2) A person 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a permit to hunt~~  
60 ~~turkey if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the permit is~~  
61 ~~issued.]~~

62 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) One dollar of each turkey permit fee collected from a resident shall be used for  
63 the hunter education program.

64 Section 3. Section **23-19-24** is amended to read:

65 **23-19-24. Resident small game hunting license -- Use of fee.**

66 (1) A resident ~~[14 years of age or older]~~, upon payment of the fee prescribed by the  
67 Wildlife Board, may receive a license to hunt small game.

68 (2) One dollar of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the hunter  
69 education program.

70 (3) (a) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the upland  
71 game program as follows:

- 72 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or
- 73 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.

74 (b) The small game license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by  
75 Subsection (3)(a) is in addition to any small game license fee revenue that may be used for the  
76 upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

77 Section 4. Section **23-19-26** is amended to read:

78 **23-19-26. Nonresident small game hunting license -- Use of fee.**

79 (1) A nonresident ~~[12 years of age or older]~~, upon payment of the fee prescribed by the  
80 Wildlife Board, may receive a license to hunt small game.

81 ~~[(2) A nonresident 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a license to~~  
82 ~~hunt small game if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the~~  
83 ~~license is issued.]~~

84 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) (a) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the  
85 upland game program as follows:

- 86 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or  
87 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.

88 (b) The small game license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by  
89 Subsection ~~(3)~~ (2)(a) is in addition to any small game license fee revenue that may be used  
90 for the upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

91 Section 5. Section **23-20-20** is amended to read:

92 **23-20-20. Children accompanied by adults while hunting with weapon.**

93 (1) As used in this section~~["accompanied"]~~:

94 (a) "Accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication  
95 is maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

96 (b) (i) "Electronic device" means a mechanism powered by electricity that allows  
97 communication between two or more people.

98 (ii) "Electronic device" includes a mobile telephone or two-way radio.

99 (c) "Verbal communication" means the conveyance of information through speech that  
100 does not involve an electronic device.

101 (2) A person ~~[under the age of]~~ younger than 14 years old who is hunting with any  
102 weapon must be accompanied by ~~[his]~~:

103 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian~~[-];~~ or ~~[other]~~

104 (b) a responsible person ~~[of the age of]~~ who is at least 21 years ~~[or older and]~~ old and  
105 who is approved by ~~[his-]~~ the person's parent or guardian~~[-, while hunting with any weapon].~~

106 (3) A person ~~[of at least 14 years of age and under]~~ younger than 16 years ~~[of age]~~ old  
107 who is hunting big game with any weapon must be accompanied by ~~[his]~~:

108 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian~~[-];~~ or ~~[other]~~

109 (b) a responsible person ~~[of the age of]~~ who is at least 21 years ~~[or older and]~~ old and  
110 who is approved by ~~[his]~~ the person's parent or guardian~~[-, while hunting big game with any~~  
111 weapon].

112 (4) A person ~~[of]~~ who is at least 14 years ~~[of age and under]~~ old but younger than 16  
113 years ~~[of age]~~ old must be accompanied by a person ~~[of the age of]~~ who is at least 21 years ~~[or~~

114 ~~older]~~ old while hunting wildlife, other than big game, with any weapon.

115           ~~[(5) A person under the age of 12 years is not permitted to hunt for protected wildlife~~  
116 ~~except as provided by rules of the Wildlife Board.]~~

117           Section 6. **Repealer.**

118           This bill repeals:

119           Section **23-19-25, Resident small game hunting license -- Use of fee.**

120           Section 7. **Effective date.**

121           This bill takes effect on August 1, 2006.